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OFFICIAL REPORTS



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THE ASSOCIATED ALUMNÆ MEETING AT DETROIT

THE ninth annual convention of the Nurses' Associated Alumnæ of the United States will be held in Detroit, Michigan, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday June 5, 6 and 7, 1906.

Headquarters of the convention will be The Young Women's Christian Association Building, corner of Washington Avenue and Clifford Street. Luncheon will be served there daily for 35 cents, providing notification is given the day previous.

At half-past eight on Tuesday morning, the delegates will present their credential cards.

"Affiliated Associations with large membership may send delegates with power to vote by proxy, such delegates to bear credentials showing the number of votes to which their organization is entitled.

"Permanent members shall bring credentials from their organizations. They shall be entitled to attend all general sessions of the annual meeting, and to participate in debate on professional and ethical subjects. They shall continue in these privileges so long as they remain in good standing in their organizations, and after attending three consecutive meetings they shall be entitled to vote, and shall be eligible for re-election as officers or delegates at any time.

"All nurses in good standing in affiliated organizations may attend all general sessions of this association, but shall not be entitled to the privilege of vote or debate. They shall present a card of admission signed by the president of their organization."

To obviate the contingency of dues not reaching the delegate, especially in the cases of the delegate residing in a city other than that in which her alma mater is located, it would be well to send checks on to the treasurer in advance of the day of meeting.

"Any nursing organization which shall neglect to pay its annual dues, (ten cents per capita, checks to be made payable to Anna Davids, treasurer) for any year shall not be entitled to send delegates to the annual meeting of this association of that year.

"Any organization which shall fail to pay its dues for two successive years shall cease to belong to this association."

The chairman of the committee of arrangements, Mrs. L. E. Gretter, of the Harper Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, submits addresses of hotels and will be glad to give any additional information needed by delegates, as will the secretary.

HOTEL RATES

Hotel Cadillac.—American plan, \$3.00 per day without bath; \$3.50 and \$4.00 with bath. European plan, \$2.00 to \$6.00 per day.

The Wayne Hotel.—American plan, \$2.50 and \$3.00 without bath; \$3.50 and \$4.00 with bath. European plan, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 without bath; \$2.50 and \$3.00 with bath.

Griswold House.—American plan, \$2.00 and \$2.50 without bath; \$3.00 and \$3.50 with bath. European plan, \$1.00 and \$1.50 without bath; \$2.00 with bath.

Hotel Normandie.—American plan, \$2.50 and upwards; European plan, \$1.00 and upwards.

Hotel Ste. Claire.—American plan (only), \$2.50 without bath, \$3.50 with bath.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Mrs. L. E. Gretter, chairman, Harper Hospital, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Alice L. Chambers, Miss Martha Aylesworth, Miss Melissa Collins, Miss Frances Drake, Miss Lulu H. Durkee, Miss Minnie Healey.

NELLIE M. CASEY, Secretary,
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RAILROAD RATES—DETROIT CONVENTION

INSTRUCTIONS

The reduced rate will be in effect from Friday, June 1st, to Monday, June 11th. As the round trip rate is one fare and one third, there can be, generally speaking, no extension of time limit on the tickets. Members traveling from localities more than three days journey from Detroit, will be able to procure tickets before June 1st, but should apply to the agents some days before tickets are to be used. This is advisable too, in small or remote districts as certificates are not kept at all stations, and it may be necessary to purchase a local ticket to some station where the through ticket and the certificate may be obtained.

THE GOING JOURNEY

Ask for a through ticket, one way, with a certificate; do not make the mistake of asking for a receipt. If obliged to purchase tickets over several roads, members should procure a certificate with each ticket. As the ticket for the going Journey will be an "unlimited," stop overs may be made but none will be allowed on the return ticket except where changes of trains occur and at those points, probably one day may be allowed. The certificates should be presented to the chairman of Committee on Transportation on Wednesday, June 6th, and called for on the evening of that day. A fee of 25 cents is charged by the Michigan passenger associations' agent for each certificate signed by him.

THE RETURN JOURNEY

The certificates having been vised and signed, should be presented at the ticket office in Detroit at least one hour before the departure of the train, especially if there should be many leaving by the same train, as it takes some time to honor certificates and give out the return tickets. The Detroit and Buffalo Steamboat Co., will accept tickets reading via Michigan Central, Wabash or Grand Trunk Railways in either direction on the fare and one-third certificate plan? Fare one way is \$3.50, berth \$1.00 and \$1.25, state room accommodating three people \$2.50. Steamers leave Buffalo at 5.30 p. m. daily—arrive in Detroit at 7.30 a. m. Dinner and breakfast may be obtained on boat if desired. For the benefit of those in New York and vicinity, the following estimate is given and while the Hudson River and West Shore will grant same rate, the Lehigh Valley is quoted because of its scenic

beauty. New York to Detroit fare one way \$13.75, round trip \$18.35. The June schedule will have trains leaving 7.50 and 10.00 a. m., 12 m., 5.40 and 8 p. m. Should there be a sufficient number to warrant it, a special Pullman sleeping car will be provided. Members might purchase going tickets reading Lehigh Valley, West Shore or Hudson River as far as Buffalo, there take the Detroit and Buffalo Steamer, single fare to Buffalo not including Pullman is about \$9.25.

Further information or estimates will be sent any member on application.

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AN INVITATION

THE nurses of Michigan extend a cordial invitation to all graduate nurses to attend the ninth annual convention, of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States, which is to be held in Detroit, Michigan, June 5, 6, and 7, 1906.

The program is of unusual interest, and the meetings have always been an inspiration to those who have attended them.

It is hoped that the attendance may be the largest in the history of the organization. The cause of state registration in Michigan would be greatly helped, by the show of enthusiasm on the part of graduate nurses.

Information as to railroad rates, hotels, etc., may be obtained from the chairman of the arrangements committee, Mrs. L. E. Gretter, Harper Hospital, Detroit, Michigan.

ROSE SMITH,
Secretary Wayne County Graduate Nurses' Association.

STATE MEETINGS

PENNSYLVANIA.—The Graduate Nurses Association of the State of Pennsylvania met at Altoona on April 18th and 19th. The first meeting at 2.30 p. m. was held in the Opera House. Owing to the illness of the president, Miss Whitaker, the first vice president, Miss Weir, of the South Side Hospital, Pittsburgh, presided.

PROGRAMME

Meeting called to order—Miss Weir; Prayer—Rev. H. H. Stiles, Altoona; Address of Welcome—Hon. S. H. Walker, Altoona; Music—Mr. H. J. Taylor, Altoona; Address—Rev. Father M. M. Sheedy, Altoona; Music, Miss Lafferty; "Why should Nurses join their Alumnae," Miss Giles, Pittsburgh; Address to Nurses, Dr. F. H. Bloomhart, Altoona; Address, "Legislation," Hon. J. Lee Plummer, Holi-daysburg; Address, Dr. W. S. Ross, Altoona; Music, Miss Lafferty; "The A. B. C. of Registration," read by Miss Greaney, Philadelphia.

At the end of the programme Miss Weir in a graceful little speech thanked the speakers of the day, those who had rendered musical numbers, and others who had welcomed us to the Mountain City. She then read an invitation to a reception to be given on Wednesday evening at the new and beautiful nurses' home—also to a tea to be given on Thursday afternoon. These entertainments were given by the Board of Managers and Women's Auxiliary of the Hospital.

The executive sessions were held on Thursday. The second meeting opened at 10.30 a. m. and were entirely taken up with the reading of reports and the admission of 75 applicants to membership.

The third and final session opened at 2.30 p. m. The two most interesting topics under discussion were on the editorial in the April number of *The American Journal of Nursing* on "Skilled Nursing Care for the Great Middle Class." Each member present was made a committee of one to agitate the subject in their own neighborhood. The second topic was the menacing aspect of the short course and correspondence schools of nursing.

The annual meeting of the Association will be held at Philadelphia, Pa., on October 17, 18 and 19.

MAUDE W. MILLER,
Assistant Secretary.

INDIANA.—The third Semi-Annual Convention of the Indiana State Nurses' Association was held in the Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, March 28 and 29. The convention was very largely attended and was the most successful from all points of view, ever held in Indiana. Lafayette extended a very warm welcome to the Association and manifested her hospitality right royally.

One of the most important topics under discussion was the advisability of establishing some distinguishing mark of the registered Nurse. It was thought that possibly a copyright might be secured on some material designed and manufactured for the Indiana State Nurses. As all Nurses must, of necessity, wear washable dresses, the registered Nurse could secure this material for her dresses—the style of the garment, aprons, caps, collars, cuffs, kerchiefs, etc., being left entirely to the option of the wearer. This discussion resulted in the passage of a resolution for the appointment of a Committee to report at a future session. The Committee having this in charge is Miss L. Weaver, Fort Wayne; Miss M. Sellar, Lafayette, Ind.; Miss Edna Humphrey, Crawfordsville, Ind.

Papers on the following subjects were read at different times during the convention:

"The Opportunity of the Nurse in Private Duty," by Miss Cora Birdsell, South Bend, Ind.; "State Registration," by Miss L. M. Cox, of Elizabethtown, Ind.; "The Pioneer Nurse," by Miss Minnie E. Moore, Lafayette, Ind.; "Ethical Nursing," by Miss D. Elva Mills, of the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

These papers were very interesting and full of good points and brought forth some good wholesome discussion.

Miss Mary B. Sellars of the Home Hospital, Lafayette, Ind., was elected delegate to the National Convention at Detroit, Mich., in June.

The Board of Examiners presented a very interesting report. The fact that six hundred nurses had registered in Indiana came as a great surprise for very few people realized that there were that many trained nurses in the State. The registration fees have been ample to cover all expenses and have made it possible to support an Inspector of Training Schools.

Early in the State organization, it was thought advisable to adopt only such by-laws as were of immediate necessity, but feeling the time has now arrived when we realize what the Association working needs are, the By-law Committee presented a rough draft of proposed by-laws. These were discussed and many suggestions given to the Committee that they may present them ready for adoption at the Annual Convention which meets in Indianapolis during the State Fair week. One of the suggestions was that a new Committee be appointed, having for its object, "The Prevention of Tuberculosis."

A resolution was made that the Association request the Arrangement Committee of the National Alumnae Association to arrange for an hour, apart from the regular session of the Convention, for a State Conference that those, especially interested in State organization, may meet for mutual aid in effecting standard laws, etc. of the various States, thus obtaining a greater National uniformity.

M. F. GRANT, Secretary.

MICHIGAN.—The Michigan State Nurses Association, which held its second annual meeting in Sarah Caswell Angell Hall, Ann Arbor, April 4, 5 and 6, was very largely attended by members throughout the State. The president, Miss Sarah E. Sly, occupied the chair.

Rev. Carl S. Patton, of the First Congregational Church, Ann Arbor, delivered the invocation.

President Angell, of the University of Michigan, gave the address of welcome, in which he recalled the days of his boyhood when the idea of a trained nurse was unheard of, and in conclusion paid the following beautiful tribute to the nurses and their profession: "We often speak of the bravery of soldiers going into battle amidst the shouts of their comrades, and the blare of martial music, but the duty that is quietly performed by the trained nurse in her unpretentious manner is a bravery and a service nobler than that performed by the soldier."

The address of welcome was suitably responded to by Miss Nellie B. Hall, of Grand Rapids.

The afternoon of the first day was largely given up to reports of various committees, and an address by the president, Miss Sarah E. Sly, of Birmingham, who emphasized the necessity for state registration and earnestly solicited the hearty coöperation of every graduate nurse in securing the passage of the proposed bill which will be presented to the Legislature this coming winter.

Dr. Beverly Drake Harrison, of Detroit, secretary of the State Board of Medical Registration, gave an address on "State Registration for Nurses," and heartily endorsed the movement to secure the passage of such a law.

Miss Sophia F. Palmer, editor-in-chief of the *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING*, was an honored guest for two days and gave an earnest, impressive talk on "How to Pass the Bill."

Miss Palmer was the first woman in this country to put a working plan on paper for the registration of nurses, the outline of which has been the basis of the work since.

From a broad and intelligent standpoint Miss Palmer detailed the advantages other states and countries had derived from the passage of such an act, and the practical suggestions given regarding the bill and the means to secure its adoption will be invaluable to the association.

Needless to say, Miss Palmer's presence was an inspiration to all, and it was gratifying to know that she considered the proposed bill one of high standard.

Miss E. L. Parker and Miss J. M. Lennox, of Lansing, led in the discussion.

Mrs. Caroline Bartlett Crane, of Kalamazoo, another honored guest, gave an address on "A Neglected Field of Nursing. The County Almshouse," which met with a sympathetic cordial response and coöperation.

Discussion was led by Mrs. L. E. Gretter, of Detroit, and Miss A. M. Coleman, of Saginaw.

Dr. Victor C. Vaughan, of Ann Arbor, dean of the department of Medicine

and Surgery, gave a clear and concise talk on "Tuberculosis," and the best methods of prevention and cure.

Discussion was led by Mrs. L. J. Lupinski, of Grand Rapids, and Miss Violet Benner, of Saginaw.

Upon vote of the association, the time for the fulfillment of the pledge which was made at the last annual meeting of \$3 per member towards a fund for the endowment of a chair in Hospital Economics at Columbia University, has been extended one year or until the next annual meeting. This will enable Alumnæ associations and others who have not contributed an opportunity to assist in raising the desired sum.

A communication is to be sent to the nearby states asking for their hearty co-operation with Michigan in the furtherance of this movement.

Mrs. L. E. Gretter, of Detroit, chairman of the arrangement committee of the Nurses Associated Alumnæ, announced that the meeting would be held in Detroit June 5, 6 and 7. A very earnest appeal was made to secure not only a large attendance from Michigan, but from the middle and western states also, thereby bringing about, if possible, an overflow meeting.

Blue, white and yellow were adopted as the colors of the State Association and all members were requested to wear this badge at the meeting in Detroit.

It is hoped that other states will wear their national colors on this occasion.

The association will soon become affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Great credit is due the graduate nurses and citizens of Ann Arbor for the cordial hospitality extended to the members of the association and their honored guests.

The social functions included a "Faculty Recital," under the leadership of Prof. Stanley, given in Frieze Memorial Hall, complimentary to the nurses and their friends. Also a luncheon and reception in Barbour Gymnasium by the graduate nurses of Ann Arbor for the members of the association and their honored guests, Miss S. F. Palmer, Rochester, N. Y., and Mrs. Caroline Bartlett Crane, of Kalamazoo.

Miss Mary C. Haarer, Miss Fantine Pemberton, and Miss Bertha Knapp, graduate nurses of the University Hospital, gave a luncheon at Mack's tea room for the president and other officers. The guests of honor on this occasion were Miss S. F. Palmer, Rochester, N. Y., and Mrs. Emma Fox, of Detroit.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Miss Sarah E. Sly, Birmingham; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. L. E. Gretter, Detroit; 2nd Vice-President, Miss E. L. Parker, Lansing; Recording Secretary, Miss A. G. Deans, Detroit; Corresponding Secretary, Miss K. M. Gifford, Grand Rapids; Treasurer, Miss A. M. Coleman, Saginaw. Committees: Ways and Means, Miss J. M. Lennox, Lansing; Nominating, Miss L. J. Lupinski, Grand Rapids; Credentials, Miss I. M. Barrett, Grand Rapids; Printing, Miss L. B. Durkee, Detroit; Arrangements, Mrs. M. S. Foy, Battle Creek.

The meeting adjourned to meet in Battle Creek next spring.

Respectfully submitted.

K. M. GIFFORD, Corresponding Secretary.

THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF VISITING NURSES

THE visiting nurses of the state of Connecticut held their second meeting in New Britain, March 28. Those present at the meeting were Miss Wilkinson and Miss

Snow of Hartford, Miss Hills and Miss Flang of New Haven, Miss Beard and Miss Whitman of Waterbury, Miss Hill of New Britain, and Miss Payne of Derby and Ansonia.

The first business to come before the meeting was the selection of a name, which is to be "The Connecticut Association of Visiting Nurses." Miss Martha J. Wilkinson is the president of the association and Miss Mary Grace Hills of New Haven, secretary and treasurer. Two vice-presidents were elected, Miss Beard of Waterbury, first, and Miss Ball of Middletown, second. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws. It was voted to hold the next regular meeting in Hartford. The meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

The object of this association is to promote social intercourse among the visiting nurses, to benefit the members through an exchange of ideas and methods and to keep up the standard of the visiting nurses in the state of Connecticut.

After the business meeting, a public meeting was held at the residence of Mr. Charles Wetmore, who is president of the local association in New Britain. The Rev. Dr. Davis of New Britain gave an address of welcome.

Mrs. O. Vincent Coffin read a report of the work in Middletown. The Middletown association was the first to be formed in the state and began its work in the spring of 1900. Miss Rowe of Albany was the first nurse secured and held the position until recently. After about a year the calls were too numerous to be answered by one nurse and Miss Mary Grace Hills, of Rhode Island, now at the head of the work in New Haven, was added to the force. The money to start the work was raised by soliciting from house to house and the first year \$1000 was collected. The second year, \$1700. The members pay \$1 a year and the honorary members \$5. A fee is charged each patient varying from five to fifty cents according to circumstances, the amount to be decided by the nurse. Miss Hills resigned in 1903, and her place was ably filled by Miss Hill. A benefit of \$1000 has been received which is called "The Gaston T. Hubbard Benefit Fund." The number of calls made the first year was 3111. The second year twice that number and since then an average of 6000 or 7000 calls each year.

Miss Edith Beach followed with a short review of the work in Hartford. This association was first started under the auspices of the "Guild of St. Barnabas," but soon became a separate organization and last December was incorporated. The work was begun April 18, 1901, with Miss Martha J. Wilkinson in charge of it and she has held the position ever since. In those five years there have been but three days in which no calls have been made and this was on account of severe storms. The first year there were 1973 calls made in caring for 111 patients. The city is large and not divided into districts so a great deal of time is consumed in going from place to place. A supply closet, from which articles are loaned or given, was soon found to be a necessity. The work is supported by contributions. Miss Wilkinson engages the services of other nurses as required.

Mrs. Baldwin gave a few facts about Derby, Shelton and Ansonia. The first step was taken three years ago by the "Women's Club." From \$175 to \$200 was netted by a performance by John Drew at the theatre. This was immediately set aside for the benefit of the sick poor. Miss Cox, who had been connected with the New York settlement work, was engaged to take charge of a summer home. This was tried for three months as an experiment by the club and then a separate organization was formed. This consisted of men as well as women. Miss Hall, who had done settlement work in New York was engaged and Miss Payne of New York is

now supplying in her place very acceptably. Special nurses are sent to contagious cases and paid from the treasury. There is also an emergency roll. The first year a canvass was made from house to house and fifteen hundred dollars was raised; this last year a little less than that. The entire amount was given by five of the towns-people.

The Rev. Mr. Lewis of Waterbury, gave a most interesting talk about the work in that city. He said in part; "I have no speech prepared and no report to read. We have not had much of anything in Waterbury but nursing; no machinery of any sort. We are absolutely without organization. I mean just what I say. Three years ago in looking over the work I saw a great need. We knew nothing of any work anywhere except at the Henry Street settlement in New York under the management of Miss Wald, who is the head and foot and back-bone of all settlement work. I went to some friends of mine and said, "I want to try an experiment." I asked a dozen men to give \$100 each and they did. I then had \$1200 in the bank, and went to New York to find the best nurses I could find in the country. First of all I wanted consecrated women, women of culture and refinement, as they must go into houses of squalor and shame. Only this class of women can go into these houses. I went to New York and looked around the hospitals and finally secured the two best nurses to be found in the country. .

The visiting nurse is under-paid. To offer a visiting nurse less than eight or nine hundred dollars a year is a shame. Pay a top-notch salary and expect top-notch work. And above all, do not patronize them. Do not say the nurses who *serve* you. We serve the nurses. If not, they are not the right sort. They are our superiors; of a higher order.

After a year it was no longer an experiment. In Waterbury, at least, the well-being of our city (not the being of our city, that is in the hands of the politicians but the well-being) is to a large extent in the hands of the nurses. We have now been at work for three years. We are not a model; conditions differ and the work cannot be done in the same way in different places. Our annual expense is about \$4000. We have a house in the center of the city under the supervision of a head nurse. In this is a dispensary where patients who are able come to be treated. In that dispensary we have instruments, bandages, sterilized dressings and everything necessary to work with. Mr. Lewis is the whole thing; the association, its president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, committee and board of lady managers. We have a staff doctor who answers calls day or night. If the doctors do not like this work they are quacks and fakes. They do not want good work.

In six weeks we made 104 visits and 93 visits were received from patients able to walk. Advisory calls, 1; new calls, 7; sent to doctors 6. Each nurse gives to me a detailed report of each day's work, showing where she has spent every minute of the time from nine o'clock in the morning. The report is the *bête noire* of the nurses, but the men who give me their money want to know what becomes of it. Miss Wald makes a strong point of this. She insists on a detailed statement of what each nurse is doing all the time. I believe this work can be mismanaged but not killed. It may be hampered by too much machinery and too much direction, but it is bound to succeed. There are no rules in Waterbury. We have got to give the nurse some liberty of action. If you do not want her, put her out; but when you get the right one, keep her. Our nurses are given credit for having sense. They are given this house in the center of the city and they *work*. Give them work but do not kill them. Above all do not load them down with rules. Do not kill their

spirit. The more work they do the better they like it. We cannot show perhaps, as large a number of calls on our report as some cities, but the work is done and well done. If a nurse is called to a confinement case (and we take confinement cases) she may have to stay five or six hours in order to do the work to be done on these cases. This, of course, does not roll up a large list of visits.

In reference to the question of how to get the money. There is no trouble about that. People fall over themselves to give money provided the work is right. One corporation gave me \$100. One gentleman wrote me a letter and said: "I do not care what you do with the money as long as you give it to those nurses." Another said: "when you want money, let me know." One man sent one of the nurses around in his carriage on a rainy day. Everybody respects the nurse. The doctors respect her, whether they respect themselves or not. This work has come to stay.

I did not realize what this meeting was to be. It is most happy. It is christian. I asked the nurses to come up here to-day in uniform, with their bags, etc.; after the meeting they will be glad to show you the contents of these bags and explain anything you may want to know.

Miss Pruden, of New Haven, said that they began with one donation of \$1000. The churches all helped. It was the idea to raise \$25,000 as a working capital, but the sum has not yet reached \$12,000. Miss Mary Grace Hills was engaged to take charge of the work. At the end of the first year there was a balance of \$400. A rule has been made to limit the working hours of the nurse to eight hours a day, and to give her one half-day each week. If she prefers to take the time two days at once, there is no objection. She decides such minor matters for herself. The nurse is given some funds for charitable cases to use at her own discretion; it is very necessary to have money to use in this way.

New Haven has tried to represent, as far as possible, all charitable institutions on the board. There is a Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest as well as representatives from all other churches.

Dr. Davis said just a few words about the New Britain institution. This board is composed entirely of men. It was organized the first of January, 1906, and is the baby association, being only three months old. Dr. Davis says: "I know this thing is going in New Britain. All I ask is that it shall be written on my tombstone that I was the man who started the organization. If anyone asks you, tell them it can be done. I ask no credit; the credit belongs to the men who have raised the funds."

REGULAR MEETINGS

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—At the annual meeting of the Long Island College Hospital Alumnae Association the following officers and directors were elected for the year:

President, Miss M. A. Hope; first vice-president, Miss Elizabeth Hall; second vice-president, Miss Violetta Toufet; treasurer, Miss Regina Kelley; recording secretary, Miss Mary E. Beyer; corresponding secretary, Jessie E. Wiley; directors, Miss Sarah Burgess, Miss Edith Brown, Miss Matilda Decker, Miss M. A. Hill and Miss V. A. Monck.

J. E. WILEY, Corresponding Secretary.

NEW YORK.—The annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of the New York Hospital Nurses was held in the lecture-room, 6 West Sixteenth Street, on April 11,

1906. The association's undertaking of managing a club-house for its members has passed the experimental stage and closes the year with a satisfactory bank account. \$584.50 have been paid out to members of the "Sick Fund" during the year.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. M. L. (Simons) Twiss; vice-president, Miss M. A. Munn; secretary, Miss M. M. Russell; corresponding secretary, Miss D. Dwight; treasurer, Miss E. Price; trustees (for two years), Miss M. Wheeler, Miss C. T. Birdsall.

BROOKLYN.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Kings County Hospital Alumnae was held at the Nurses' Home on Tuesday, April 3, 1906, at 3.30 p. m., the president, Miss M. Dock, presiding. The meeting was well attended. Miss Bailey was chosen as the delegate to go to Albany for the State meeting on April 17, and Miss M. Dock, the president, was chosen to represent the association at the Detroit convention in June. A committee was appointed to revise the constitution and by-laws. Nurses who had registered were requested to send number of their certificates. Half have responded.

DENVER.—The Trained Nurses' Association held its regular meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building on April 2. The association contemplates assuming control of the directory for nurses in Denver, and a committee was appointed to further arrangements. Dr. Delehanty gave an interesting address on nursing the insane.

COLORADO SPRINGS.—At the annual meeting of the Nurses' Registry Association held in Caledonian Hall on April 4, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss L. L. Hudson; vice-president, Miss E. M. Margeson; secretary, Mrs. G. A. Homman; assistant secretary and treasurer, Miss J. J. Shea.

HARTFORD.—"The Hartford Club of Graduate Nurses" held their seventh annual meeting at their club-house, 90 Buckingham Street, March 30. The officers were all re-elected: Miss E. E. Courtright, president; Miss A. E. Brazos, vice-president; and Miss H. G. Soper, secretary and treasurer.

A vote was passed to require state registration before February 1, 1907, from all members of the club, all nurses residing in the club-house, and those registering with the club and living outside.

A vote of thanks was extended to the officers and the meeting adjourned till June 30.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The regular quarterly business meeting of the Alumnae Association of the New York State School for Training Nurses was held at the Prospect Heights Hospital, April 5. Seven members were present. On account of the small attendance, nothing definite regarding plans could be decided. Eight nurses were proposed for membership and were unanimously elected.

The meeting was adjourned until July 5, when we trust our members will show their interest by a large attendance.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—The annual luncheon of the Nurses' Alumnae of the Buffalo Homeopathic Hospital was held March 27 at Hengiver's Dutch Room.

The table was decorated with daffodils, the gift of the president, Miss Cole, and each place was marked with a name-card and flower, and tiny Easter chickens were perched on the glasses at each place. After the luncheon the following toasts were responded to:

"Our Training School," Mrs. A. J. Martin; "Our Married Members," Miss Mary Louise Drake; "Our Engaged Members," Miss Rosetta Burton; "Our 'Un' Engaged Members," Mrs. Walters; "The Physicians, our brothers," Mrs. Mueller; "The Public—our patients," Mrs. Dennison; "Our Guests," Miss Jessie Burton; "Our Alumnae," Miss Frances Black.

The April meeting of the Alumnae will be open day meeting to all Buffalo nurses.

CHICAGO.—The Alumnae and graduating class of the Passavant Memorial Hospital have had some very interesting and instructive lectures this winter. The lectures were given by Miss Fulmer on "Visiting Nurses' Work," Miss Pierce on "Private Nursing," and Dr. Evans on Tuberculosis. Mrs. Lapp (née Miss Ebersole), of the class 1904, has written from her new home in India where she has gone as a missionary.

CHESTER COUNTY, PA.—The Chester County Nurses' Association held a meeting at the Coatsville Hospital on March 6, Miss Curtis in the chair. Miss Curtis gave a report of the State meeting held at New Castle. The next meeting will be held at the Chester County Hospital in September.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—The Indianapolis Graduate Nurses' Association has had a prosperous year. There have been twenty-two new members admitted, making a total of one hundred and four. Interesting programs have been arranged and the meetings have been well attended. The Association is affiliated with the State society. The officers for the coming year are:

President, Miss Minnie L. Prange; first vice-president, Miss Malurie W. Smith; second vice-president, Miss Mae D. Currie; secretary, Mrs. Belk-Brown; assistant secretary, Miss Estella Everingham; treasurer and registrar, Miss Grace Phelps; directors, Mrs. S. J. Peake, Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Miss Frances Ott.

At the March meeting of the Nurse Board of Examiners of New York State held at the Education Department in Albany, It was

Resolved, That we, the State Board of Nurse Examiners, continue to recommend to the Regents applicants for registration under the first clause of the waiver until such time as shall be determined by the Board.

JANE ELIZABETH HITCHCOCK, Secretary.

CHICAGO.—The Illinois Training School for Nurses, Chicago, is celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the school, and, as it was the pioneer school of the west, of the beginning of the training of nurses in this part of the country, the alumnae are marking the occasion by starting a fund for a graduate nurses' home, which shall serve as an alumnae headquarters, a place where graduate

nurses may board, and where aged and disabled members may be cared for. At the May alumnae meeting, five hundred dollars were set aside for the project from the funds in the treasury. To this will be added about five hundred more, the proceeds of a play given under the auspices of the board of managers of the school.

At the May alumnae meeting there were present, Mrs. C. B. Lawrence, first president of the board of managers; Mrs. Dewey, the first superintendent of the school and Miss Janet A. Topping, a member of the first class. Papers were written for the occasion by Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Dewey, and Miss Lanver, the first nurse to enter the school, and the first to receive a diploma. Miss Lanver, as matron of the Woman's Hospital, is still actively connected with the nursing profession.

Early in May a large reception will be given by the board of managers to all graduates of the school, all former superintendents, and all doctors who have been connected with it. The usual banquet to the graduating class will be given by the alumnae association.

ORANGE, N. J.—A regular meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Orange Training School for Nurses was held March 21 at 3 P. M.

The committee appointed to ascertain the cost, etc. to endow a bed in the Memorial Hospital, reported that nothing accurate could be said as the board of governors as yet had not been at all definite.

Six new names were accepted for membership and five proposed. The subject of registration in New York State was then discussed at length as the Orange Training School is not registered as a school and thus debars its graduates from becoming registered nurses in New York State.

One of the graduates told of her failure to take the examination for registration as the examination was useless, unless the school were registered, and a second graduate cited where her name had been refused as reference for the same reason. It was then put to vote and carried that the governors of the Orange Training School should be most earnestly requested to comply with the terms offered the school and thus enable the graduates to become registered nurses and the school a registered school.

A paper having been carefully prepared was then read as the form of the request to be sent to the governors of the Training School that the school might become registered, thus enabling its graduates to become registered nurses in New York State; and the standard of the school thus being raised, it would be of greater attraction for desirable probationers. The names were next voted upon as delegates for the Nurses' Associated Alumnae, and Miss Elizabeth Pierson and Miss Bertha Gardner were elected. The meeting then adjourned to meet the June class of 1905 and enjoy the pleasure of thus meeting the younger graduates and a social hour and refreshments.

COLORADO.—The Colorado State Board of Nurse Examiners held its annual meeting on April 9, 1906, in the State Capitol, Denver. The following officers were elected: President, Miss L. G. Welch; secretary, Miss L. C. Boyd. Three hundred and sixty-six nurses have been registered to date, but there are many unfinished applications. The board begins its second year of work greatly encouraged by the fruits of the year just closed.

PERSONAL

MISS LAVINIA WOOD and Miss Verna C. Smith, Class of '06, New York Hospital, have accepted positions in the Babies' Hospital.

THE ALUMNÆ Association of the Roosevelt Hospital Training School for nurses gave a reception to the graduating class on the evening of March third.

It is interesting to know that the nurse who led the opposition to the Louisiana bill some years ago has been in an insane asylum for upwards of a year.

MISS JANE A. WRIGHT, N. Y. H. graduate, has undertaken to teach pupils to keep well through physical development, a subject which she has been studying for the past two years.

MISS NELLIE A. MCKELLEP, graduate of the City Hospital Training School, Class of 1905, was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Nurses and will assume her duties April first.

MISS KATE G. WEMP, graduate Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, Night Superintendent of the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, has recently taken charge of the Lutheran Hospital, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

MISS BERTHA B. HOOD has been appointed superintendent of the Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Knoxville, Tenn., with Miss Julia Hoyne as superintendent of Nurses. Both are graduates of the Providence Hospital, Washington, D. C.

MISS AMY HILLIARD, graduate St. Luke's Hospital, New York, who has been supervisor of the operating-rooms in the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, for three years, has been appointed Directress of Nurses of the Evanston Hospital, Evanston, Illinois.

MISS ELIZABETH R. SCOVIL has been conducting classes in home nursing in St. John, N. B., which have been exceedingly popular during the winter. The charge has been \$1.00 for the course, and there have been as many as 150 women in attendance at one lesson.

MISS A. A. CLARKE, who has served for two years as superintendent of the N. Y. H. Nurses Club and has done a vast amount of good work in making it a success, has not been well for some time and has tendered her resignation. The trustees accepted it with regret.

MISS SHORT, Roosevelt Hospital, Class of 1903, has gone to the Hahnemann Hospital, New York City, to take charge of the operating-room. Miss Short has been assistant nurse in the Syms operating-room for the past year, where her place has been taken by Miss Hardy, Roosevelt Hospital, Class of 1905.

ON Wednesday, April 11, at 3 o'clock, the first graduating exercises of the School for Nurses of the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, were held in the reception-room of the home. Professor George E. Vincent, of the University of Chicago, gave the address to the class. Ten nurses graduated. The exercises were followed by a reception.

Miss A. J. Scott, graduate of the Toronto General Hospital; late assistant superintendent of the training school at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal; and superintendent of the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay, Ontario, has been appointed assistant to the principal of the Hartford Hospital Training School, Hartford, Connecticut.

Miss BERTHA ERDMANN, Superintendent of Nurses, Minneapolis City Hospital, gave an "At Home" Thursday afternoon, March twenty-second, from three to five o'clock, at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Erdmann, for the alumnae of the training school. The object was to bring together the older members and introduce the graduating class. A very enjoyable time was spent by all. About fifteen were present.

Miss LUCY L. DROWN and the Boston City Hospital have the honor of having trained and of including among their graduates the newly-appointed Matron-in-Chief of the Imperial Military Nursing Service of Great Britain, Miss C. H. Keer, R.R.C., who, while living in Canada with her father, a British naval officer, went to Boston and took the training sometime in the '80's. Miss Keer has had long and distinguished service in army nursing, and her alma mater must feel proud of her honored daughter.

Miss MARGARET A. SHANKS and Miss Mae Nichols, the nurses who cared for Susan B. Anthony in her last illness, have been notified that they have been made life members of the New York State Woman Suffrage Association. They were made aware of this through a letter from Harriet Taylor Upton, treasurer for the national association, who wrote that the honor had been conferred because of their "tender care of our beloved leader." Miss Shanks is a young Rochester woman who was graduated from the Training School of the Homeopathic Hospital in 1897. Until she came to America at the age of 13, Miss Shanks lived in Scotland. Her childhood was passed in Stranraer, Wigtown county. Before entering the training school she lived in Hopewell, N. Y., still her mother's home. Miss Nichols is from Lynn, Mass., where she received a diploma from the Training School of Union Hospital. She was visiting Miss Lizbeth Tripp, of the Homeopathic Hospital, at the time Miss Anthony's condition became worse and it was necessary for her to have constant care. Miss Nichols was summoned for night duty. At the time Miss Anthony rallied she said to her physician, "My nurses are without parallel."

MARRIED

CAMERON—HAMMOND.—At Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Margaret Jean Cameron (Rochester City Hospital) to George J. Hammond. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond will make their home in Minneapolis, Minn.

IN Toronto, Ont., on April 16—Miss E. Greenwood, (Philadelphia Polyclinic class of 1902), to Mr. John G. Marshall. After an extended trip abroad Mr. and Mrs. Marshall will live in Toronto.

IN New York on April 16, Miss Laura Gay, (Erie County, Buffalo, class of 1901), to Mr. Frank Whited, of Goshen, N. Y.

OBITUARY

AT New London, Conn., on Saturday, March 10, 1906, after a long illness, Nellie E. Miner. Miss Miner was a graduate of the Homeopathic Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., 1894.

IN Dansville, N. Y., March 19, Miss Katharine Johnson, of Rochester, graduate of the Rochester City Hospital Training School, class of 1893. Miss Johnson had been for many years a most successful and popular private nurse.

HARRELL.—At White Haven Sanitarium on March 19, 1906, Maude Lewis Harrell, graduate of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, class of 1902. Miss Harrell contracted tuberculosis while in the discharge of her profession, and her name rightfully belongs to the long list of martyrs who give themselves, the greatest of gifts, for the relief of suffering humanity. She accepted the inevitable with heroic calmness trusting in Him who likewise suffered for men.

THE Graduate Nurses' Association of the State of Pennsylvania passed resolutions of regret upon the deaths of Miss Bertha Magee, New Brighton, Pa.; Miss S. Jane Rankin, Phillipsburg, Pa.; Miss A. E. Fryer, Johnstown, Pa.

[We are holding for want of space an unusual amount of material sent late for this department. Reports of the New York State meeting and the meeting of Superintendents of Training Schools will be given in full in the June issue.—Ed.]